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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BARBADOS.

Smallpox decreasing.

BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, *November 14, 1902.*

SIR: Total number of cases of smallpox since the outbreak of the disease, July 13, numbers 1,326; of these 887 have been released as cured and 108 have died, leaving 331 now under treatment. The number of cases for the last two weeks was 66, and the deaths 20. The disease is rapidly abating and some days pass without any new cases appearing.

S. A. MACALLISTER,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CANADA.

Smallpox near Megantic.

MEGANTIC, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, *November 23, 1902.*

SIR: I have the following report to make concerning the peculiar conditions now surrounding my station:

Smallpox has started and has been gaining ground for several weeks in several stations immediately over the border line in the State of Maine. In Jackman and vicinity there are 7 cases; in Holeb, 2; Long Pond has just wired 1. and 5 suspects in the upper part of Megantic here. Spaulding, 10 miles from here, has 12 cases quarantined, but the remainder of the men in camp have been dismissed and are scattered everywhere. The disease is along the Quebec Central lines, which section furnishes many men for lumbering purposes. A significant fact is that all those now in the State who have the disease mentioned are Canadian lumbermen. Nobody along the line will hire these men, and adding this to the fact that they are all smallpox suspects makes them liable to become a public charge, so I have deported those who came in and refused admission to those who desired admittance.

Respectfully, JOHN HARTNETT, Jr.

Mr. JOHN H. CLARK,
Acting Inspector in Charge, Montreal, Canada.

CHINA.

Report from Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, *October 27, 1902.*

For the week ended October 25, 1902, there were inspected 3 vessels, 198 crew, 5 cabin passengers, 7 steerage passengers, and their baggage. Shipping orders were visèed for 20,461 pieces of freight, and 59 pieces were disinfected. There was also disinfected the effects of the crew of the steamship *Buen Viaje*, 43 men, all Filipinos,